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In re Application of

Shirou NAKANO, et al.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, please consider the following remarks:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.